AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A system for comprehensive real estate transaction management comprising:

      a real estate multiple-listing system;

      a system for managing real estate purchases;

      a system for managing real estate closings;

      a system for managing post-closing activities; ~~and~~

      ~~a method for accessing~~ wherein a user accesses and uses said real estate multiple-listing system, said system for managing real estate purchases, said system for managing real estate closings, and said system for managing post-closing activities, through a network; and

      wherein a party collects a fee for allowing said access and shares a portion of said fee with a party related to said real estate multiple-listing system.

2.   (Currently amended) The system of claim **1** further including a method for granting a single access point to each of said real estate multiple listing system, said system for managing real estate purchases, said system for managing real estate closings, and said system for managing post-closing activities by a participant or a potential participant in a real estate transaction.

3.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for accessing real estate-related vendor information.

4.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for
inputting contact information of a participant or a potential participant in a real estate
transaction.

5.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for
electronically uploading real estate-related information.

6.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for
electronically delivering real estate-related information to a participant or a potential
participant in a real estate transaction.

7.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **6** wherein at least a portion of said
real estate-related information is selected from the group consisting of referrals,
vendor contacts, listings, county property records, tax records, representation
agreements, offers, offer agreements, inspection reports, lending documents and
closing documents.

8.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for
accessing real estate-related documents through said network.

9.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for
restricting access to real estate-related documents through a network to certain
participants or potential participants in a real estate transaction.

10.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for
modifying real estate-related documents through said network.

11.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **10** wherein at least one of said
real estate-related documents is selected from the group consisting of listing

agreements, agent representation agreements, offers, offer agreements, lending documents and closing documents.

12.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for electronically or digitally signing documents through said network.

13.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for automatically notifying a participant or a potential participant in a real estate transaction when real estate- related documents are modified in a manner that affects said participant or potential participant.

14.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **13** wherein said real estate-related documents are selected from the group consisting of listing agreements, agent representation agreements, offers, offer agreements, lending and closing documents.

15.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for tracking, monitoring and logging the progress of a real estate transaction.

16.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for updating the status of the progress of a real estate transaction.

17.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for granting a participant or a potential participant in a real estate transaction access to a transaction activity log.

18.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for automatically notifying a participant or a potential participant in a real estate transaction when the status of the progress of said real estate transaction is updated.

19. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** further including a method for ordering real estate-related services through said network.

20. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for agents to communicate with potential buyers.

21. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for creating a private webpage for a buyer or a seller.

22. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for posting information to a buyer or seller's private webpage.

23. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for automatically notifying a buyer, a seller, or an agent when information is posted to a buyer or a seller's private webpage.

24. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for a seller and an agent to interact through electronic communication while viewing information posted on said seller's private webpage.

25. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for a buyer and an agent to interact

through electronic communication while viewing information posted on said buyer's private webpage.

26. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for an agent to conduct a comparable market analysis of a seller's or a potential seller's real estate.

27. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for a buyer to contact referrers.

28. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for a buyer to apply for loans through said network.

29. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for searching MLS and county records for property address and county tax data.

30. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for obtaining property addresses and county tax data.

31. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for an agent to define and save search criteria from a buyer's contact information.

32. (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for an agent to identify properties that match a buyer's real estate selection criteria.

33.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for routine automated searches for property that match a buyer's real estate selection criteria.

34.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said real estate multiple-listing system provides a method for the automated posting of real estate-related information to a buyer or a seller's private webpage.

35.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said system for managing real estate purchases provides a method for a buyer, a seller and their respective agents to access real estate-related documents through said network.

36.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said system for managing real estate purchases provides a method for a buyer, a seller and their respective agents to interact through electronic communication while accessing real estate-related documents through said network.

37.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said system for managing real estate purchases provides a method for automatically notifying a buyer, a seller, and their respective agents of electronic communication by said buyer, said seller or said agents.

38.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said system for managing real estate closings provides a method for acquiring electronic copies of title closing documents from a title provider through said network.

39.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said system for
managing real estate closings provides a method for acquiring electronic copies of
lender closing documents from a lender through said network.

40.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein said system for
managing post-closing activities provides a method for providing information related
to closed transactions to secondary mortgage lenders through said network.

41.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim **1** wherein at least a portion of the
network is selected from the group consisting of the Internet, an intranet, a wireless
network, a wide area network, a local area network and a point-to-point connection.

42.   (Currently amended)   A method for comprehensive real estate transaction
management comprising the steps of:

entering information relating to a property involved in a real estate transaction into a
multiple listing system;

monitoring the progress of said real estate transaction through a network connected to said
multiple listing system;

managing the closing of said real estate transaction over said network; ~~and~~

managing the post-closing activities related to said real estate transaction over said
network; and

collecting a fee and sharing a portion of said fee with a party related to said multiple-listing
system.

43. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising granting access to said multiple listing system to a participant or a potential participant in said real estate transaction.

44. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising accessing real estate-related vendor information through said network.

45. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising inputting contact information of a participant or a potential participant in said real estate transaction.

46. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising electronically uploading real estate- related information into said multiple listing system.

47. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising electronically delivering real estate- related information to a participant or a potential participant in said real estate transaction.

48. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **47** wherein said real estate-related information is selected from the group consisting of referrals, vendor contacts, listings, county property records, tax records, representation agreements, offers, offer agreements, inspection reports, lending documents and closing documents.

49. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising accessing real estate-related documents through said network.

50. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising restricting access to real estate-related documents through said network to certain participants or potential participants in said real estate transaction.

51. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising modifying real estate-related documents through said network.

52. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **50** wherein at least one of said real estate-related documents is selected from the group consisting of listing agreements, agent representation agreements, offers, offer agreements, lending documents and closing documents.

53. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising electronically or digitally signing documents through said network.

54. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising automatically notifying a participant or a potential participant in said real estate transaction when real estate-related documents are modified.

55. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **54** wherein at least one of said real estate-related documents is selected from the group consisting of listing agreements, agent representation agreements, offers, offer agreements, lending documents and closing documents.

56. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising tracking, monitoring and logging the progress of said real estate transaction.

57. (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising updating the progress of said real estate transaction.

58.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising granting a
participant or a potential participant in said real estate transaction access to a
transaction activity log.

59.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising
automatically notifying a participant or a potential participant in said real estate
transaction when the progress of said real estate transaction is updated.

60.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** further comprising ordering
real estate-related services through said network.

61.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing
system provides a method for agents to communicate with potential buyers.

62.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing
system provides a method for creating a private webpage for a buyer or a seller.

63.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing
system provides a method for posting information to a buyer or seller's private
webpage.

64.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing
system provides a method for automatically notifying a buyer, a seller, or an agent
when information is posted to a buyer or a seller's private webpage.

65.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing
system provides a method for a seller and an agent to interact through electronic
communication while viewing information posted on said seller's private webpage.

66.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for a buyer and an agent to interact through electronic communication while viewing information posted on said buyer's private webpage.

67.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **41** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for an agent to conduct a comparable market analysis of a seller's or a potential seller's real estate.

68.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listings provides a method for a buyer to contact lenders.

69.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for a buyer to apply for loans on-line through said network.

70.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for searching MLS and county records for property address and county tax data.

71.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for obtaining property addresses and county tax data.

72.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for an agent to define and save search criteria from a buyer's contact information.

73.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for an agent to identify properties that match a buyer's real estate selection criteria.

74.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for routine automated searches for property that match a buyer's real estate selection criteria.

75.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple-listing system provides a method for the automated posting of real estate-related information to a buyer or a seller's private webpage.

76.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple listing service provides a method for a buyer, a seller and their respective agents to access real estate-related documents through said network.

77.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple listing system provides a method for acquiring electronic copies of title closing documents from a title provider through said network.

78.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple listing system provides a method for acquiring electronic copies of lender closing documents from a lender through said network.

79.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim **42** wherein said multiple listing system provides a method for providing information related to closed transactions to secondary mortgage lenders through said network.

80.   (Currently amended) A method for comprehensive real estate transaction management comprising:

    means for entering information relating to a property involved in a real estate transaction into a multiple listing system;

means for monitoring the progress of said real estate transaction through a network

connected to said multiple listing system;

means for managing the closing of said real estate transaction over said network; and

means for managing the post-closing activities related to said real estate transaction

over said network; and

means for collecting a fee and sharing a portion of said fee with a party related to

said multiple listing system.

81-87 (Previously cancelled)

88.   (Currently amended) A method for comprehensive real estate transaction
management comprising:

a system for managing the listing and sale of real estate wherein real estate agents

have access to information relating to properties for sale within a defined

geographic area;

providing access to said system over a network;

allowing participants in the sale of a property listed within said system to have access

to said system over said network; and

allowing said participants to complete the tasks required to close said sale of said

property over said network; and

collecting a fee for use of said system and sharing a portion of said fee with one or

more of said agents.

89-91 (Previously cancelled)